

Remarks

As will be discussed below, considering that these amendments clearly place the application in condition for allowance and do not raise any new issues that would require new searching or consideration by the examiner, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Status of All of the Claims

Below is the status of the claims in this application. Claim(s) pending: 48-78, 83-86 and 99-11. Claims 79-82, 87-91 and 96-98 have been canceled herein.

Allowed/Allowable Claims

Initially, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 48-77, 83-86 and 99-111. It is believed that claim 78 was inadvertently left off of the Examiner's list of claims allowed on appeal. Consequently, Applicant has not canceled claim 78 herein. Further, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 92-95 contained allowable subject matter. In that regard, claims 92-95 have been amended to appear in independent form. Consequently, it is believed that independent claims 92-95 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede the basis for the rejections in the Office Action, but are simply provided to overcome the rejections made in the Office Action in the most expedient fashion.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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